

Face Masks

The wearing of face masks is no longer mandated by the government. However, people may feel more comfortable wearing a mask and especially for singing, which we really appreciate being able to do again.

Social Distancing

Social- distancing is no longer required, and we have removed our seating plans in both churches. However, a number of people have indicated that they would still like to have a little space, so please respect others' need for space.

Heating Installation and Interior Works to St Philip and St James' Church

We have completed the first phase of the works. The new heating system has been installed and the accessibility works have been done. We still have more work to do but we have more funds to raise!

Fáilte



(Please stand, if you are able)

The Gathering of God's People - Beannachtaí

*Grásta agus trócaire agus síocháin ó
Dhia ár nAthair
agus ó Íosa Críost ár dTiarna,
go raibh libh go léir
agus leat féin.*

Welcome and Greeting

*Grace, mercy and peace from
God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with
you all
and also with you.*

Opening Responses

*Gathering God, our rock and shelter,
we are here to meet with you.*

*Travelling God, our way and wonder,
we are here to meet with you.*

*Summoning God, our joy and
adventure,
we are here to meet with you.*

Hymn No. 3 (Abbot's Leigh)

*God is love: let heaven adore him;
God is love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heavens above,
he who breathes through all
creation,
he is love, eternal love.*

God is love, and is enfolding
all the world in one embrace;
his unfailing grasp is holding
every child of every race;
and when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that self-same aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is love: and though with
blindness
sin afflicts and clouds the will,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds us fast and guides us still.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

(Please remain standing, if you are able)

Collect for Purity

***Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are
hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy
name; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.***

The Penitence

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ
says:
You shall love the Lord your God with
all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind.
This is the first and great
commandment.
And the second is like it.
You shall love your neighbour as
yourself.
On these two commandments depend
all the law and the prophets.
***Lord, have mercy on us, and write
these laws in our hearts.***

God so loved the world that he gave
his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us
from our sins, to intercede for us in
heaven, and to bring us to eternal
life.

Let us then confess our sins in
penitence and faith, firmly resolved
to keep God's commandments and to
live in love and peace.

(Please sit or kneel)

[Silence]

The Penitential Kyries for Lent

In the wilderness we find your
grace:
you love us with an everlasting love.
A Thiarna, déan trócaire.
A Thiarna, déan trócaire.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

There is none but you to uphold our
cause;

our sin cries out and our guilt is
great.

A Chríost, déan trócaire.

A Chríost, déan trócaire.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be
healed;

restore us and we shall know your
joy.

A Thiarna, déan trócaire.

A Thiarna, déan trócaire.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

***The Gloria – we omit the Gloria during
Advent and Lent***

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD



**The Collect of the 2nd Sunday in
Lent**

A Dhia uilechumhachtaigh,
taispeánnann tú solas d'fhírinne dá
bhfuil in earráid

chun go bhfillfidh said ar bhealach
na fíréantachta:
deonaigh dá dtagann isteach i
gcomaoin chreideamh Chríost
go nduúltaí said do na nithe sin atá in
éadan a ngairme,
is go leana said na nithe sin atá ag
teacht léi;
trí Íosa Críost ár dTiarna. ***Áiméan.***

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the
light of your truth
that they may return to the way of
righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things
as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The First Reading: Genesis 12: 1- 4a

*The first reading is from the book of Genesis,
chapter 12, beginning at verse 1.*

12Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go
from your country and your kindred
and your father's house to the land
that I will show you. ²I will make of
you a great nation, and I will bless
you, and make your name great, so
that you will be a blessing. ³I will
bless those who bless you, and the
one who curses you I will curse; and

in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 17
(Lead me Lord)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou Lord, thou, Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

Treoraigh mé, treoraigh mé, a
Thiarna,
go siúlaid ar bhóthar firéantachta Dé.
Foilsigh an tslí romham, óir níl ann, a
Thiarna,
ach tusa amháin a choimeádann slán
mé.

(Please remain standing, if you are able)

The Holy Gospel: John 3: 1-17

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John, chapter 1, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.
2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are

a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' 3 Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' 4 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' 5 Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' 9 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' 10 Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the

wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

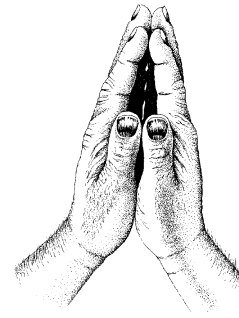
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Nicene Creed (shortened version)

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ, the only Son of God.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
Amen.***



Intercessions (Please kneel or sit)

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

***Merciful Father,
accept these our prayers
for the sake of your Son, our
Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.***

We are continuing to be cautious as COVID-19 has not gone away so we are suggesting that people do not share a sign of peace in the way that we usually would... maybe a smile or a wave would be good!



(Please stand, if you are able)

The Introduction to the Peace for Lent

De bhrí go bhfuil muid firéanaithe ag an chreideamh,
tá síocháin againn le Dia Trín'ar
dTiarna Íosa Críost. *Rómh 5: 1,2*

Go raibh síocháin an Tiarna libh i gcónaí:
agus leat féin.

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5: 1, 2

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

We have resumed taking up collections. But we do recognise that many people give online and via Standing Order, so please feel free and comfortable not to put any collection in the basket. If you wish to donate to the church online or electronically, the treasurers would be happy to give you the required details.

Offertory Hymn - Hymn No. 451
(Aurelia - Hymn No. 528)

We come as guests invited
when Jesus bids us dine,
his friends on earth united
to share the bread and wine;
the bread of life is broken,
the wine is freely poured
for us, in solemn token
of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving
from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing
on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving

for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living
our ever-present friend.

One bread is ours for sharing,
one single fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring
renewed in bread and wine:
renewed, sustained and given
by token, sign and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven,
the love of Christ our Lord.

**THE MINISTRY OF THE
SACRAMENT**

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

Christ, our passover has been
sacrificed for us,
**therefore let us celebrate the
feast.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer 1

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God.

**It is right to give him thanks and
praise.**

Father, almighty and everliving God,
at all times and in all places it is
right to give you thanks and praise:

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to overcome all our temptations:

and so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

(Please feel free to stand, sit or kneel)

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image; male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us; he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded:

we remember his passion and death,

we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

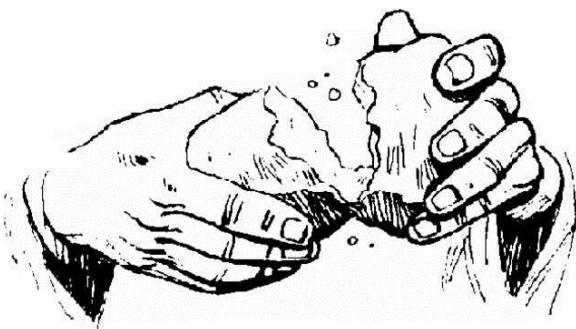
*all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and
ever. Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

*Ár nAthair, atá ar neamh
go naofar d'ainm,
go dtaga do ríocht,
go ndéantar do thoil
ar talamh mar a dhéantar ar
neamh.
Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn
inniu,
agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha,
mar a mhaithimidne dár
bhféichiúna féin.
Agus ná lig sinn i gcathú,
ach saor sinn ón olc.
Óir is leatsa an ríocht, agus an
chumhacht, agus an ghlóir, trí shaol
na saol. Áiméan.*

The Breaking of the Bread

*The bread which we break is a
sharing in the body of Christ.
We being many are one body, for
we
all share in the one bread.*



The Invitation

*It is the custom of the Church of Ireland to
welcome to receive Holy Communion, all
those who usually receive Holy
Communion in their own tradition. We are
continuing to administer Holy Communion
using individual cups.*

The Communion



The Great Silence

*You are invited to take some time to
reflect, having received Holy Communion.*

The Post Communion Prayer

*Creator of heaven and earth,
we thank you for these holy
mysteries
given us by our Lord Jesus Christ,
by which we receive your grace
and are assured of your love,
which is through him now and for
ever. Amen.*

The Blessing for Lent

Go dtuga Críost grásta daoibh chun
go bhfása sibh in naofacht,
go ndiúltaí sibh daoibh féin,
agus go dtóga sibh bhur gcros agus
go leana sibh é:
agus go raibh beannacht Dé
uilechumhachtaigh,
an tAthair, an Mac, agus an Spiorad
Naomh oraibh is in bhur measc i
gcónaí. *Áiméan.*

Christ give you grace to grow in
holiness,
to deny yourselves,
and to take up your cross and
follow him: and the Blessing of God
almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit be with you always. *Amen.*

Hymn No. 568 (Father, we adore you)

Father, we adore you,
lay our lives before you:
how we love you!

Jesus, we adore you,
lay our lives before you:
how we love you!

Spirit, we adore you,
lay our lives before you:
how we love you!

The Closing Responses and Dismissal

From what we know
to what we have yet to discover,
God is calling us on.

From all that binds us
to the truth which frees us,
God is calling us on.

From the blessings of today,
to the possibilities of tomorrow,
God is calling us on.

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

***In the interests of trying to keep all
who come to our churches safe,
please take away this service sheet
and any other items that you may
have brought with you or used in
church this morning. Thank you.***

Stay well and stay safe.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

There will be no Christian Meditation
on Tuesday 28th February and

Tuesday 7th March March 2023. Our

meetings on Tuesday 14th and
Tuesday 21st March 2023 will be via
Zoom. We usually meet via Zoom,
except for the last Tuesday of the
month, when we meet in-person, so
please note that we will meet in-

person on Tuesday 28th March 2023,
in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of
St Philip and St James' Parish Centre.

Contact Irene on 087-2755423
irene.reid1052@gmail.com

All meditators are invited to Church
of the Ascension in Balally Parish on
Saturday 4th March 2023 from 11.00 to
12.45

The speaker will be Caroline Stratton...

" Journey through the eye of the
needle, the Contemplative Path".

There will be tea and coffee on arrival
and there will be a discussion
afterwards.

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FORTHCOMING **SERVICES**

Wednesday 8th March 2023

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church*

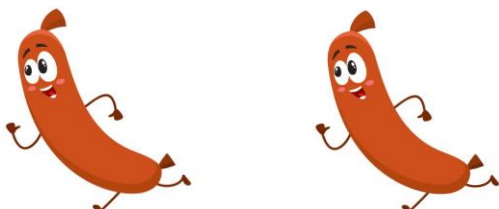
Sunday 12th March 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas'
Church

10.00 Morning Prayer in St Thomas'
Church

11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St
James' Church

18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St
James' Church



Wednesday 15th March 2023

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church*

Sunday 19th March 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas'
Church

10.00 Holy Communion in St Thomas'
Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St
James' Church

Wednesday 22nd March 2023

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church*

Sunday 26th March 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas'
Church

10.30 United Daffodil Service in St Philip
and St James' Church

No 10.00 and 11.00 services

Wednesday 29th March 2023

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church*



Lenten Challenge

**Gillian is off again!
She is walking at least
6km every day of Lent
2023.**

**Wednesday 22nd February –
Saturday 8th April 2023**

in aid of:

**The victims of the earthquake in
Turkey and Syria (*channelled
through the Bishops' Appeal to
Christian Aid who are working on the
ground with local agencies*), and
parish funds**

Again, this Lent, I am encouraging
people to take up something that
gives you a focus each day and that
benefits you physically, mentally,
emotionally and spiritually.

You can make a donation by online
banking to

**Boosterstown and Mount Merrion
Account
IBAN: IE30IPBS99062932796541
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**Daffodil Service and
Daffodil Coffee
Morning with Bring-
and-Buy**

Sunday 26th March 2023

8.30 Holy Communion - St
Thomas' Church

**10.30 United Family Service
for Daffodil Day - St Philip
and St James' Church**

At this Service, we will pray for
those who are undergoing
treatment for cancer, and for all
who are involved in the healing
and care of people with cancer;
and for those who are
undertaking research into the
treatment and cure of cancer. We
are going to give thanks for the
recovery of those who have
survived cancer, and remember
those who have died from cancer.

Tea/coffee will be served after the
service in the parish hall, in aid of
the Irish Cancer Society, and there
will also be a Bring and Buy Stall
in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.



Sunday Clubs

We are delighted that both of our Sunday
Clubs re-opened in February. They meet
once a month, and as it happens, both
Sunday Clubs will meet on the same

morning. The remaining dates are:

Sunday 2nd April 2023

Sunday 7th May 2023

St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet in the Monk Gibbon Hall at 10.00 and St Philip and St James' Sunday Club will meet in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre at 11.00. The children and leaders will join the rest of the congregation before the end of the service in the respective churches.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to lead our Sunday Clubs.

All children who are aged three and over, and who are toilet-trained are very welcome to join the Sunday Club.



History of the Parishes

Michael Lee is almost finished his research for a history of our parishes for our forthcoming celebrations in 2024. If you have any stories about either parish or the school, please contact Mike [STRAIGHT AWAY](#). He will finish the writing of the book within the next couple of weeks so needs to hear from you urgently if you have something to contribute.

Please email your story/stories, or contact Mike at mikelee2653@gmail.com

2021 - 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Parish of Booterstown

2024 - 200th anniversary of the consecration of St Philip and St James' Church

2024 – 150th anniversary of the consecration of St Thomas' Church

2026 - 200th anniversary of the foundation of Booterstown National School

Healer Prayer Group

Monday 6th March 2023
via Zoom

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY
MEETING

TUESDAY 7TH MARCH 2023
19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY
THURSDAY 23RD MARCH
2023

19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM
